

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, prior to the first paragraph which begins on line 3, please insert the following:

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

On page 1, prior to the second paragraph which begins on line 15, please insert the following:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph which begins on page 1, line 15 and ends on line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Known online systems for nitrate measurement or for measuring the content of organic substances are also available from the assignee Endress + Hauser under the mark STAMOSENS.

On page 2, prior to the paragraph which begins on line 8, please insert the following:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

On page 6, prior to the paragraph which begins on line 2, please insert the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

On page 6, prior to the paragraph which begins on line 12, please insert the following:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Please delete page 9 in its entirety.